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U N I V E R S I T Y



Quick look at NEWS

Borrowing the movie sentiment, "If you build it, they will come," Arkansas' chief justice wrote the statement that held Jennings Osborne in contempt for "intentionally illuminating massive displays... in violation of court orders." Walt Disney Co. struck a deal with the millionaire to use part of his three-million light display in its Florida theme park during Christmas.

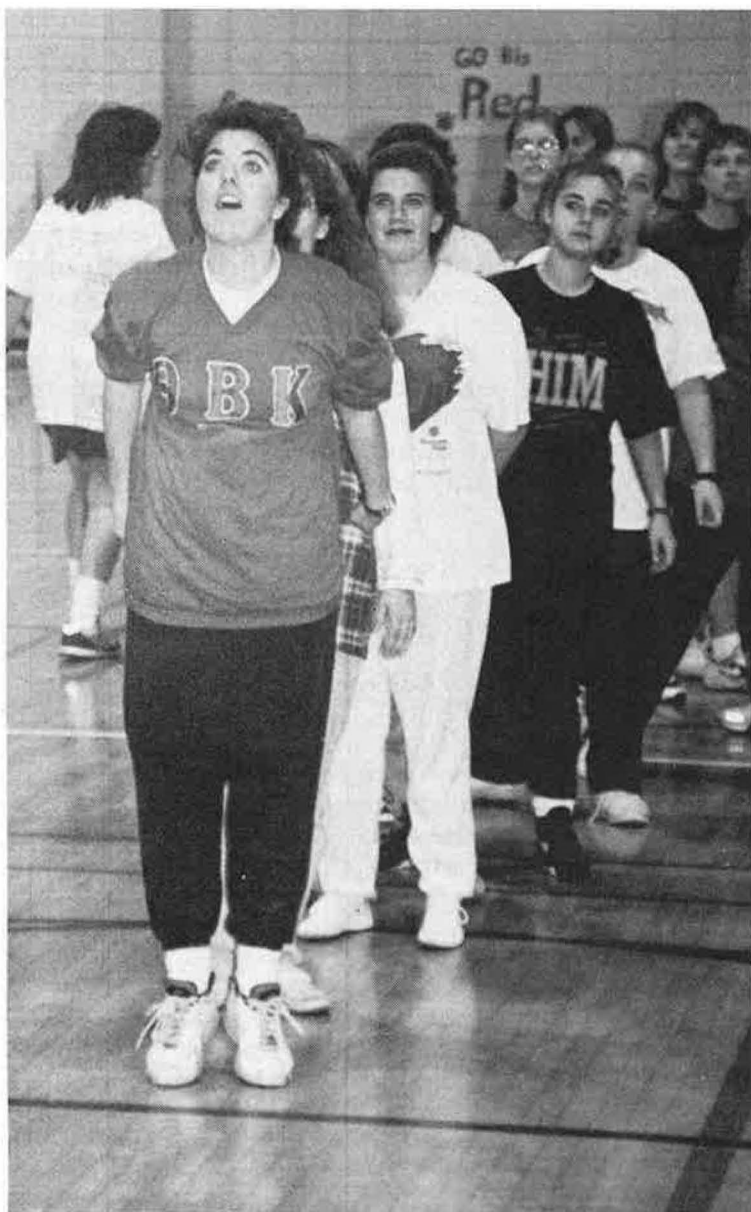
Beatlemania is back in full swing, with *The Beatles Anthology* and an ABC TV special Nov. 19, 22 and 23.

A small Illinois town was shaken last week by the death of seven high school students when a train slammed into a school bus that was partially on the tracks. The bus driver, a substitute, is being investigated for blame.

Little Rock police reported nine felony arrests in city junior and senior high schools, down from 22 this time last year.

Palestinians plotted revenge Monday for the assassination of Dr. Fathi Shakaki, the leader of a radical group that has organized recent terror attacks against Israel.

Sixty thousand men met in Texas stadium last weekend to discuss biblical values as part of the Promise Keepers Christian men's group. Attendees called the convention the "single biggest revival in America."



Silly Olympics. Several girls' clubs face off at the hoop during club commitment Monday night. Some clubs chose to unite in their induction activities. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

Club induction ends amid skewed response

by David Clubb
Bison staff writer

All induction activities will cease at midnight, drawing to a close the "positive bonding" of the club commitment process, according to Tom Howard, chairman of the Induction Review Team (IRT).

This year marks the first in which social clubs have a one-week commitment period with no "pledges," Howard said. Class two members, as inductees are now called, began committing when they received bids Sunday. Tonight they will gain class one status and official club membership.

Shantih inductee Sarah Henniger said that the commitment phase has fulfilled Howard's given purpose, as "getting to know the members of the club" was the best part of the process. "It was great bonding with my class, too," she said.

Bryan Runions, TNT hopeful, agreed that his class has "most definitely bonded."

Methods of uniting club inductees with their chosen club have varied. "We had a photo scavenger hunt," Henniger said, explaining that older members divided her class into groups, and each group was given a list of 24 poses and places around campus. "We had to get into silly poses and take pictures," she said. "It was fun getting to know them all better."

Henniger also enjoyed dressing like

a "hippy" Tuesday.

In fact, there has been quite a bit of dressing up this week, as many of the men's clubs have attended classes in sportcoat and tie. The clothes prepare the men for "minor dates," which involve everything from book-toting to a stroll to the post office, according to Marty Rowe, class two member of TNT. Most women's clubs have a similar system: "I've met a lot of guys this way," Henniger said.

The inductees realize that behind the frivolity, "there is a real purpose," according to Delta Chi Delta hopeful Scott Loftis. He explained that the club tries to apply a biblical principle to commitment games.

Loftis is a sophomore transfer from Michigan Christian College where, he said, the social club system involves something more like hazing than bonding. He said he has enjoyed this week, which has amounted to "only an extra hour at night before bed."

But at least one upperclass member expressed a longing for the "traditional" club pledge week of two years ago. "I like the fact that the commitment phase is shorter, but there's a lot of kinks to work out," Ju Go Ju member Dana Burleson said. "We're still missing a lot of tradition because the rules won't let us do them."

These rules, according to Howard, were designed to make the induction process a more positive experience for new students. "The model for bonding is Christ," Howard said.

Local Canadians speak out on Quebec's close call

by Lois Voyles
Bison staff writer

Canada's destiny is still at stake after the narrow defeat Monday of the separatists of Quebec. One percent more Quebecers voted "no" for a separate Quebec than voted "yes."

David Crary, Associated Press writer, said, "A separatist victory would have spelled economic turmoil for Canada - and perhaps the greatest political crisis of its history. It would have lost one-fourth of its people and one-sixth of its land - a fracture without precedent among prosperous Western democracies."

Many are concerned about the economics of the close vote. Carol Adams, who lived in Canada for 28 years and is secretary in Harding's foreign language department, said, "As an amateur looking at the situation, I think that, until this question is answered, economics will suffer and the dollar will be weak because foreigners will not invest in Canada."

Other local Canadians are concerned that the fray will continue.

Jason Moriarty is a senior whose family left Quebec several years ago because they could foresee the turmoil coming with the possibility of separation. He said that most Canadians would like to see an end to the on-going struggle. "They [Quebec] need to do it [separate] or stop complaining about it. I don't see it ending quickly. I think they need an ultimatum to either stay or stop."

Dave Donnelly, a senior from the west coast, British Columbia agreed, "I wish that it had gone ahead and passed. We are back in limbo. The issue will come up again."

Some Canadians are wondering if the Quebecers really know what they

would be getting into with a separate country. Brian VanAlstine, a senior from Ontario, said, "Quebec is an integral part of Canadian culture. I don't want Quebec to leave. I didn't like it that it was that close. Separation would mean no ties."

Dan Tullos, Ph.D., head of the speech pathology program, lived in Canada for five years. His concern is for the future: "The referendum is getting closer and closer. They may assume they can interact with Canada as always. But as an independent, Quebec would not be a part of Canada and would not get benefits like the currency, railroad system, agreements like NAFTA or commerce."

VanAlstine said the problems in Quebec stem from their desire to distinguish themselves. "It's kind of like Texas deciding to do their own thing and be cut off from the other states. We shouldn't give special or distinct status to Quebec."

Donnelly concurred, saying that the Canadian government has "bent over backwards" to promote the French language, the language of Quebec. "Every item sold in Canada has French labels and names. Quebec is only one out of 10 provinces, yet they want special treatment."

"It's not fair. They've already been recognized as a distinctive culture in Canada, and no one has a problem with that. The problem is they want to be extra special."

"On the west coast where I'm from, we take French all through high school. It is mandatory for everyone."

As one who was a student at McGill University in Montreal just prior to the 1980 referendum, Tullos remembers that it was not a good place for English-speaking students who were advised

to leave because it was thought the referendum would succeed. "It's a political clash between English and French Canadians rather than the language difference itself."

Canadians are proud of their French and English background, and they don't want to see Quebec secede, according to VanAlstine. "Quebec is half the heritage of Canada. Quebec and Ontario are the roots of Canada, and you just can't just can't mess up the delicate balance that is our history."

It's this history that may cause a secession, according to Adams. "They feel abandoned by France; they feel much like a step-child. Canada was French before she was English."

Until history is resolved, Canadians hold on to hope. "I think Jean Chretien

is the perfect prime minister to work through this, the best prime minister we've had - he's from Quebec. I'm not fond of the Quebecers, but Chretien can do it," VanAlstine said.

"Don't think that I don't appreciate French Canada, because I do. They have a unique and beautiful culture. I think they do need to stay with Canada," he said.

"They [Quebec] can keep their own identity, which is fine," Moriarty said. "But when you live in another country, you need to adapt; people are not willing to do that."

And more trouble for Quebec - premier Jacques Parizeau resigned the day after the heart-breaking vote. He said that "others will now take it [his referendum] across the final line."



Allen Hall dedicated. Jimmy Allen accepts congratulations at the ceremony in which the dorm was named after Allen and his wife, Marilyn. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

just one OPINION

Beware the fence phenomenon



The gesture smacked of something a little more potent than sweet-potato pie.

But I doubt the boys who drove to a Cabot High School football game last month with a Confederate flag hanging from a noose on their truck really knew what they were doing.

They found out in the days that followed, as they watched their Duke of Hazard "Southern pride" turn into a grim, divisive racial showdown in the streets of their home town.

These streets called dixie-whistling students to rally for the right to boast their flag, the right to be Southern... until Ku Klux Klan members arrived and began chanting "White power!"

White *what*? Bewildered kids dropped their jaws, and their star and stripes, to tell reporters, "This is about Southern heritage! It was never a racial thing!"

Isn't it strange how pride works?

As I understand it, unity that results from pride almost always has a nasty recoil effect. In this case, it had the effect of escalating the dissent to something above what 17-year-olds can handle.

How does it work around here? I know we're not above it. In fact, as social clubs and their club pride take off, we need to be especially alert to the dangers.

I think club pride sometimes works like a fence, drawing those inside the fence closer to each other - *uniting* - while at the same time tidily separating "us" from "them" - *dividing*.

We start building the fences with what seems innocent, even generous: "I'll sacrifice all other dinner engagements to eat every meal with my club." Sounds like unity, right?

Until a clubless freshman unsuspectingly plops his tray down on a table in a designated club's eating territory. Of course he receives an introduction, a welcome to stay and chat, and he's invited with the group to Friday night's early movie, right? I'm not so sure.

Fences? Some of them are *barbed wire*.

Pretty soon the cafeteria looks like a land mine to some. And they feel no safer in the Student Center, where certain tables are seemingly reserved for the social interactions of certain groups of

people.

The sad thing about this type of divisive unity is that it hurts both those inside and outside of the fence.

Many on the outside feel hurt, or they develop a thick callous that translates as bitterness toward the club system.

And many on the inside never get a chance to know people who may have made their lives more well-rounded, people they might have even *liked* if the fence were not there to distract.

I'm not trying to generalize, because I know that the exceptions are abundant - many club members are extremely personable to others; in fact, many of my own best friends are members of a club, though I am not.

The key is in balancing the proud club unity with the Christian love unity - a unity that leaves us all standing together amid a mess of tangled fence posts and wire.

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facing ISSUES

Should laws limit suits against companies?

by Eric Rodgers
Bison staff writer

Corporations often get a certain reputation as being big, impersonal entities, dripping with excess cash. With this thought, many individuals every year file lawsuits over otherwise trivial matters in order to gain some of these funds. Submit it for your approval: McDonald's pays in excess of \$1million for a cup of scalding coffee spilled. Is this what our judicial system was created for? I think not.

The story doesn't end there. Many people file suits like this each year, some with legitimate claims, but others simply out to make a megabuck. The big, important corporation can afford it, right? Maybe so, but can we afford it? The answer is no. While someone ties up a judge and jury with some sob story about something in all likelihood easily preventable, a deadbeat dad escapes paying child support again or the statute of limitations expires on someone else's violation.

It borders on insult to think that Americans should sit idly by while people drain the profits from businesses, forcing them to jack up their prices on goods and services. Mild-mannered consumers like us pay indirectly for the opportunist motives of these litigants-and most of the time don't realize it.

Maybe it isn't such a great idea for government to totally endorse a laissez-faire style of economics, especially since a corporation can bully with the best. But eliminating such private pork does not mean that the titans of business cannot be kept in check. Instead, getting rid of the frivolity in courtrooms clears the path for real problems to be examined.

If our government is truly of and for the people, then it is the duty of the government to protect its people from social ills such as this.

These arguments can only go so far before crossing the line, and it is past time for something to be done about it. Nothing should force society to accept these trivial pursuits, but the individuals who bring them to court should force society to halt them.

What does go through the minds of these people anyway? Parents of a young girl in Indiana were recently awarded \$41,000 after the Ronald McDonald statue she had been swinging on toppled over, severing a finger that was later reattached. Jurors in the case did note the parents could have been more observant of their daughter, but was that finger really worth an instant college fund?

That brings to mind another part of the problem - jurors simply have to start waking up. Their first purpose is to hear both sides and reach an impartial decision. Some, however, feel that part of their responsibility as a juror includes looking out for the "common man" - a scary commentary on our judicial system.

For those out there who feel powerless to effect change, urge our officials to limit the wasting of time and money with these cases. Then, there may truly be justice for all.

by Allyson Ballinger
Bison staff writer

Recent frivolous cases against corporations have convinced some individuals that the government should protect corporations from lawsuits. But, think for just a moment about what would happen if consumers lost their right to sue corporations.

Corporations would grow more powerful. The threat of lawsuit now hangs shadow-like over each business move, acting as a check, a watchdog, guarding money and the power of those who own it.

Not a bad picture, is it? Who better to *guard* the power than those who gave it to the businesses to begin with? And who better to control the ethics of business than those who, with their consumption and stocks, set the chugging companies on success' track?

Let's imagine the alternative: think about the monster trust powers at the turn of the century that controlled whole cities of people. These companies often lied in their advertising, abused their employees and produced shoddy, even dangerous, merchandise. The consumers felt... well, *consumed* by a money and power that they could not claim.

Thanks to those first few brave

souls who moved to stop false advertising and child labor and forced companies to be responsible, we no longer feel suffocated by corporations' power.

And we have a right to make them pay for their mistakes. Consumers have a responsibility to keep manufacturers in check - this fact is key to our capitalist system.

And I believe that the current laws regarding corporations are really quite fair. A consumer must have been injured or been threatened with injury by the action about which he complains in order to have standing to sue. Therefore, a company need not worry with lawsuits unless its products cause harm to someone. With the threat of lawsuits, safety is a main consideration in the production of goods. Why would the public want to relieve companies of responsibility for their products?

The right to sue balances the power between the consumer and the corporation. Without this right, the consumer has no protection from shoddy products and the harm that they might bring.

Those who believe there should be limits on the amount awarded in lawsuits point to the fact that this right has been abused. Greedy consumers and lawyers have, at times, been encouraged to feel that they deserve compensation from the person who has been blamed for the accident above the actual cost of medical bills and missed work.

Although this happens and these cases cause concern about frivolity and the flooded justice system, we cannot eliminate the rights of the consumer in order to protect corporations. The costs would far outweigh the benefits.

Just laws are no restraint upon the freedom of the good, for the good man desires nothing which a just law would interfere with.

- Froude



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Biology department invites celebrated scientists to share findings

Cancer researcher talks diet at Rushton seriesby Lois Voyles
Bison staff writer

Strong evidence suggests that soy products protect against breast cancer, according to Coral A. Lamartiniere, Ph.D., and director of the graduate training program in toxicology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Lamartiniere spoke at the first of the Rushton lecture series for biology majors October 3.

Lamartiniere has done extensive breast cancer research with the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Alabama. He conducted experiments in which baby rats were injected with genistein, a compound of soy beans.

"Genistein was chosen because of the similar structure to estrogen. Also, Oriental women, who eat soy bean products such as tofu, have a lower incidence of breast cancer than do Americans," Lamartiniere said.

"We are the first to report that genistein, a component of soy, when given to rats during the neonatal period, results in protection against dimethylbenz(a)anthracene (DMBA) induced mammary tumors," Lamartiniere said. "The treatment, however, led to infertility in rats - a significant downside."

Lamartiniere repeated the experiment, this time injecting genistein into prepuberty rats, which are less vulnerable. "The chemopreventative effect was achieved, and

the good news is that the reproductive capability should be normal. We will carry out more studies to see if this holds out," he said.

Lamartiniere and his colleagues are taking soy products and monitoring their own levels of genistein to see what level is necessary to get the chemopreventative action.

"Some speculate that Orientals have a low incidence of breast cancer due to genetics," Lamartiniere said. "However, when these women come to Hawaii or San Francisco and eat American food, they, too, develop high incidence of breast cancer."

Lamartiniere quoted recent studies that showed that high-fat diets are no longer critically identified with breast cancer, but he said there could be other nutritional factors. "Diets with high fat are no longer the issue, but there is still strong evidence that soy products protect against breast cancer."

Lamartiniere and his colleagues have been studying environmental estrogens to find out whether they cause or protect against breast cancer. "We are not on a witch hunt; we go where the research takes us," Lamartiniere said.

"Breast cancer is increasing. Many of the chemicals in the environment may be contributing to diseases, including breast cancer. That's why we believe environment and nutrition play an active role in contributing to the high incidence of breast cancer."

"Breast cancer is the most common cancer among females in the United States, and it is the second leading cause of death among women in this country," Lamartiniere said.

"In 1994, 182,000 new cases occurred in the United States. It is estimated that 46,000 women die each year from breast cancer," he said, adding after a pause, "That's an alarming fact."

Three risk factors are associated with breast cancer. "Women who begin their menstrual cycle early and those who have a late menopause are more prone towards breast cancer. The longer the period of time between the first and last period dictates the amount of estrogen a woman is exposed to over a continuous period of time," Lamartiniere said.

"On the other hand, women who get pregnant early in life seem to be protected against breast cancer. Women who are pregnant late in life or those who never get pregnant are more prone towards the disease. This may seem contradictory, but the basis of this is the higher level of estrogen, progesterone and prolactin. These three hormones in sudden surges contribute to protection."

Lamartiniere currently has invitations to speak in Belgium, Switzerland, New Zealand and Australia on genistein and soy products. He will also speak soon about genistein in Little Rock. Lamartiniere said that top world researchers in this field will be presenting their findings.

John Moon, Ph.D. and chair of the Biology Department, said that the Rushton Lecture series was set up five years ago by the alumni to honor Bill Rushton, who retired in August after 40 years as a professor in the department. An endowment was funded to bring in outstanding speakers.

Bright bacteria aid scientistsby Lois Voyles
Bison staff writer

How do you clean up a major oil spill on a small Pacific island? Robert S. Bulage, Ph.D., of the Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, was asked just such a question when the United States army found itself in trouble with the Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.).

After World War II, the United States became heir to a fuel depot built by the Japanese on the island of Kwajalein, in the territory of the Marshall Islands. After 50 years, the fuel tanks developed some serious leaks, Bulage said in a recent lecture to biology majors during the Rushton Lecture Series.

The problem of locating toxic chemicals in the soil without digging up the whole island can be solved by using "bio-engineered bacteria." That means that bacteria can send off signals with light when they find the chemicals they are told to find, according to Bulage.

"Harmless bacteria, modified with bio-recorder genes, were used to determine the extent of contamination," Bulage said. "Soil samples were checked at various sites on the island."

"The xylo-lux and toluo-lux specific bacteria were used to check for xylene and toluene, which are commonly found in petroleum products," Bulage said.

"Bioluminescence in the presence of contaminants showed where the toxic wastes occurred, and the intensity of light gave indication of the amounts [of contaminants] in the soil."

This testing determined that only a small zone on Kwajalein was

contaminated. Leaks into the coral sand were not absorbed readily and most of the waste was carried by runoff rain water into the sea, Bulage said.

"It's very easy to use one of these bio-recorder genes," Bulage said. "A drawback for other biological systems is that analysis is destructive to the cell and the gene. What we're looking for is a non-destructive, real-time assay [test]. For that we borrow the lux gene which gives bioluminescence, the glow in the dark type."

The occurrence of luminescence has been known for many years in deep sea fish, according to Bulage. "Recently a form of symbiotic bacteria was found to be the source of light in the pinecone fish. Researchers studied this organism in hope of isolating a simple intercellular system that could give immediate information about cellular processes without destroying the cell," Bulage said.

This research was rewarded with "the discovery of the Lux-A.D. gene which generates light," Bulage said. This gene has been cloned, according to Bulage.

"This complete light-producing system has been introduced into harmless bacteria which are now used as bio-reactors."

Bulage described how the Environmental Sciences Division researchers have, in the past 18 months, developed a battery of bio-recorders which will give off light in the presence of minute amounts of toluene, xylene, naphthalene and similar hydrocarbons, and mercury and radioactive materials.

Bulage said that new bio-recorder tools continue to be developed with which to identify toxic waste in the environment.



The forces of dissonance. Batman and Robin flew in for Halloween to teach Jeff Hopper and Warren Casey's music appreciation class. Photo by Judie O'Farrell.

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GRE calmly explained for panicking seniors

by Judie O'Farrell
Bison editor

Cramming won't work on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), according to test administrator Bob Kelly. Kelly, a business professor, gave the test Oct. 14 in keeping with the national GRE testing schedule, and students are gearing up for another testing Dec 9.

But Kelly said he is "not sure how you prepare for the general exam."

"It's just an accumulation of all you've learned over a long period of time," he said of the three and one-half hour test that is required for entrance into virtually every graduate program in the country.

The seven-section test measures accumulation of knowledge in three areas: verbal, quantitative and analytical.

The verbal area represents a basic knowledge of a student's ability to use English. "It focuses primarily on writing," Kelly said, adding that prowess in grammar, sentence structure and reading comprehension will raise the verbal score.

Students with skill in mathematics should score high on the quantitative area, according to Kelly, but, Kelly encourages the math illiterate, "This section is not strictly a reflection of higher math courses."

"There are many common sense questions, and much of it tests your ability to put things together."

Common sense will also increase the analytical score, which consists of analogies that require the ability to compare and contrast.

Though cramming is not practical, senior psychology major Greg Waide, who took the test in October, said his studying kept him from feeling overwhelmed. "I had never seen those [analytical] questions before," Waide said.

These questions are logic puzzles that ask the student to match and eliminate a group of options ("There are 10 people sitting at a table. The one with red hair cannot sit next to the one with blond hair...")

"I know I would have been shocked if I had not gone over the practice test," Waide said.

Waide found this practice test in a GRE study book carried by most book stores. He said the book examples were not as difficult as the actual exam, but they acquainted him with the types of questions he could expect.

Kelly said students' scores range from 200 to 800 on each section. "Most [graduate] schools publish a cut score of 1000, verbal and quantitative combined." Many schools do not factor the analytical section into their acceptance requirements.

"Most schools view the GRE as very important," according to Kelly. Waide said this fact was reiterated by an admissions worker at the University of Missouri, who told him that the GRE was more important than four years of college.

"He told me that the test shows what you *can do*, not what you *have done*," Waide said.

But Kelly said a low score does not necessarily mean academic ruin: "It's not the only guide." Other increasingly important considerations include an essay, or even an interview with a committee, he said.

The GRE is quite reliable, according to Kelly, but it may not be fair for undergraduates competing for graduate positions. Many people who take the test do so after having worked at a job that exposes them to knowledge beyond what college students have - knowledge that may give them a marked advantage on the GRE.

The undergraduate can compete more effectively by following some practical advice, according to Kelly, who recommended December as the month in which to take the exam. "Take it after you've taken the maximum amount of course work you can," he said. The spring date, April 13, is generally too late for admission into an assistantship.

Kelly also recommended taking both the paper exam and the computer exam to allow for a comparison of scores. He said he has witnessed at least two cases at Harding in which students did better at one of the computer-based testing centers, located in Fort Smith, Jonesboro and North Little Rock. (The computer test costs \$96; the paper test costs \$65.)

Kelly further suggested that a student have his final scores sent to Harding, even if he does not plan to do graduate work here. The advantage, he said, is that Harding will send these scores wherever the student requests, free of charge for the first two or three.

The scores that Harding students have sent back, upon this suggestion, have been "very high compared to the national average," Kelly said. The national averages for the past four-year period have been: verbal, 481; quantitative, 557; analytical, 541.

A good night's rest is the test-taker's best friend, according to Kelly, who emphasized the length of the test as a concern for the sleepy. "Come wide awake," he said.



Glad to help out. Beth Ann Fox signs a minor date book for inductee Mark Fager. Almost all of the clubs had some kind of "minor dating" system as part of commitment week. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

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Billy Joel impersonator Carl Rosen will perform tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Benson Auditorium.

Apollo 13 is showing tonight at 7 and 9:30 and tomorrow after the impersonator in the Benson Auditorium.

There will be a special unity devotional for all club members Monday at 9 p.m. Colby Hill will speak.

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HOMECOMING HEROES

Bisons pull out one last win with clutch drive

by Bart Blasengame
Bison Sports Editor

Battered, bruised and sporting a 2-6 record, the Harding Bisons pulled together one last time for the home fans Saturday, putting together a game-winning fourth quarter drive to beat Northwestern State 13-6 in their Homecoming game at Alumni Field.

The Bisons improve to 3-6 on the season and wrap up their home season with one game remaining against Ouachita Baptist in Arkadelphia.

Clay Beason, who leads the Bisons in receiving, switched to quarterback for the game to try and revive Harding's sputtering offense. But he too sputtered for most of three quarters before kicking the Bisons into gear in storybook fashion for the winning drive, leading Harding on a 10-play, 80-yard drive that ended with Lloyd Coakley scoring from two yards out to break a 6-6 tie.

"I still have a lot of improvement," Beason said. "We needed a spark on offense. I need to work on my timing; I got a little excited at times."

Beason completed 10 of 26 passes for 121 yards and two interceptions. He also added an extra dimension to the QB position with six rushes for 32

yards, with a long run of 12 yards.

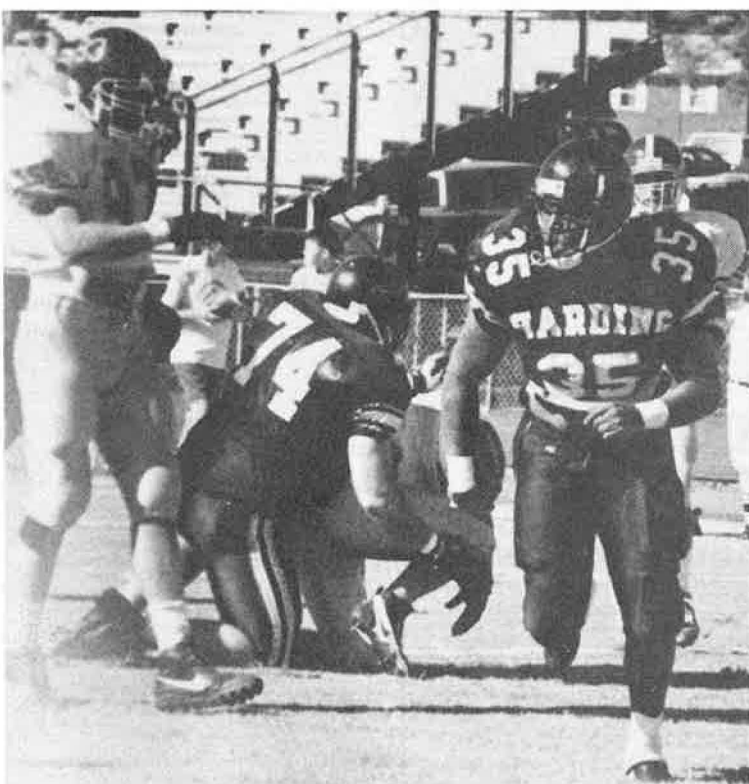
"The line had a great game and held them out," Beason said. "In the first half, I rushed my throws. It's been a while since I played quarterback. The coaches talked to me Sunday afternoon and I began working out at quarterback during Tuesday's practice."

While Beason was re-learning his quarterback position, the Harding rushing attack kept Northwestern State at bay, pummeling MSU for 293 yards and 17 first downs in the game. Chris Gilliam turned in another sterling performance with 114 yards on 19 carries. Coakley also spent much of the day pounding on MSU, rambling for 91 yards on 14 attempts.

In fact, the only thing that kept this Homecoming contest from becoming a blowout were four Bison turnovers.

"We ran the ball well, but turned it over after great drives," Harding coach Randy Tribble said. "The offensive line picked it up a notch. We needed to do it against the wind and keep the ball out of their quarterback's hands."

Midwestern quarterback Chad DeGrenier did his best to ruin the festivities, going 24 of 44 for 238 yards. But the Bison defense kept him out of the end zone and sacked him three



Goin' Outside. Lloyd Coakley sprints around tackle during the Midwestern State game. He finished with 92 yards rushing. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

times during the game.

"The defense had a goal all year for a shutout," Tribble said. "At halftime, we wanted to hold them to the field goal. The defense played great under adverse situations."

"We blitzed more than normal to take pressure off the secondary. I thought we could do that and force him to throw quicker."

Coakley got Harding on the board first midway through the first quarter, powering in from nine yards out for the score to give Harding a 6-0 lead.

The Bisons look to put a positive period on an otherwise tough season as they close out the 1995 campaign tomorrow against former Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference foe OBU. Kickoff for the game is set for 2 p.m.



Outta My Way. Harding Bisons quarterback Clay Beason lowers his shoulder to gain a few extra yards in the Homecoming game against Midwestern State. He finished with 121 yards passing and 32 yards rushing. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

Extra POINTS

The other No. 23 is back in Chicago

● Things are looking up for Chicago Cub fans.

After an unexpected run at the MLB playoffs earlier in the season, the Cubs announced on Monday that Chicago's beloved Ryne Sandberg will come out of his retirement to once again be a Cub.

The 10-time National League All-Star second baseman will be 36 next season. He retired abruptly during the 1994 season, hitting .258 in 57 games. His new contract is a one-year deal worth a reported \$2 million.

Hill joins class of SEC elite players

● Arkansas running back Madre Hill was named SEC Player of the Week on Monday for the third time this season.

Hill, a sophomore from Malvern, Ark., carried 45 times for 186 yards and one touchdown in Saturday's 30-28 victory over Auburn at War Memorial Stadium.

Hill joins former SEC standouts Bo Jackson, Bobby Humphrey, Emmitt Smith and Garrison Hearst as the only players to win the offensive award more than twice in one season.

Vandy to search for a way to win

● Does Vanderbilt belong in the SEC?

It's a valid question. Vandy is assured of its 13th consecutive losing season, and its 0-7 start is its worst since 1979, renewing speculation about whether the Commodores should continue to try and compete in the SEC.

Last spring, Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt appointed an 11-member committee to examine how other private schools such as Duke, Northwestern and Stanford are competitive in their conferences while Vanderbilt struggles in football and many other sports.

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14. Kansas 103.8
15. Washington 103.0

From the Bleachers

The Atlanta Braves, after wallowing in futility for 29 years, finally won the World Series. And while some fans have jumped on the winning bandwagon, at least a few fans were there from the beginning.

"We were there when you could drive in, park in the front row and tell them it's time to start the game," Ron Underwood of Atlanta said. "This is just a great day."

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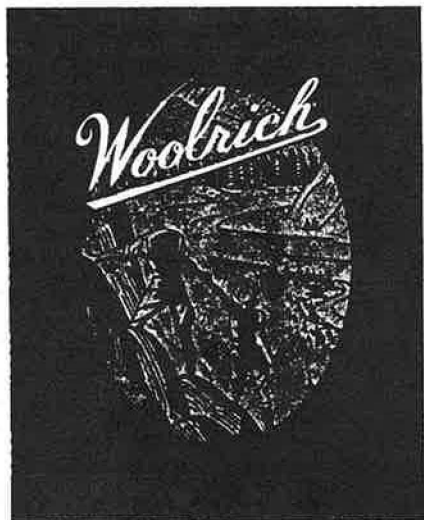
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THE BENCH

Tales from

NBA needs fashion police

by Bart Blasengame
Bison Sports Editor

If Stevie Wonder were to ever start designing NBA team uniforms, his first production might look slightly similar to what the Cleveland Cavaliers disgrace the court with on a nightly basis.

Mind you, this is no slam on the talented Mr. Wonder. No, this is a flat-out, in-your-face slam on teams with ugly uniforms – a category to which the Cleveland Cavaliers are charter members. I mean, you know you're headed down the road to Tackyville when your team colors are black, orange and... sky blue? Somebody, somewhere has aroused the anger of the Crayola gods.

But it's not just the colors; it's also the horrifying design of the thing. Start with a deep black background, add a putrid river of sky blue running awkwardly from the shorts to the top of the jersey, and then, just for kicks,

throw in some orange – just to make good and sure that **everybody** loses their lunch.

How do players put up with it? While most are squabbling about promotional deals and multi-million dollar contracts, I for one would just want a nice, plain, sharp-looking uniform. No pinstripes, no gawdy logos, just a little tradition.

Sadly though, the trend is toward a more ugly NBA. The newly formed Toronto Raptors look like overgrown poster children for Jurassic Park II, with purple uniforms complete with a little dinosaur bouncing a basketball on the front. Thank you, Mr. Spielberg.

And what about the defending World Champion Houston Rockets? They too have gone the way of the poorly primed, trading in their traditional uni's for funky looking space suits. Do they think Hakeem Olajuwon, the best center in the game, can be made to appear more

intimidating by looking like Neil Armstrong?

Fans **must** feel betrayed. Although most won't admit it, you just can't quite cheer for an ugly team. Even the most slovenly, poor-dressed male knows when enough is enough. And surely these teams are throwing away their female fans, knowing that most women base their like or dislike of a team solely on which one has the "cutest" uniforms.

But one beacon of fashion sense does still remain. A few years ago, when the University of Hawaii started their basketball season sporting putrid paisley uniforms, the NCAA put its petted feet down, saying that it was too hard to read the numbers during the course of a game. But we all know the **real** reason was for player safety. I mean, could **you** keep from doubling over from a painful mixture of intense laughter and nausea if **you** were on the opposing team?

Lady Bisons falter in Drury Classic

from staff reports

The Harding University Lady Bisons traveled to Springfield, Mo., to take part in the Drury Classic and came back home with a few lumps.

Harding (33-14) went 1-4 in match play during the two-day event.

Missouri Western swept the Lady Bisons in the first game of the tournament with scores of 15-4, 15-10 and 15-6. Harding also dropped their second match to Peru State, 15-9, 15-8

and 15-7. The Lady Bisons won their next match with Tarleton State fairly easily, 15-1, 15-3 and 15-9.

Harding finished with a 15-9, 15-9 and 15-9 loss to Columbia College.

Before the Drury Classic, Harding was riding a wave of success, with victories over John Brown and Central Arkansas.

The Lady Bisons rallied to take a tough 3-2 match from JBU at the Ganus Athletic Center with scores of 15-8, 12-15, 6-15, 15-7 and 15-9.

Harding then traveled to Conway

to take on UCA at the Farris Center. They powered past the Sugar Bears with a very impressive 3-0 sweep.

"This is one of the best matches we have played in a while," Lady Bisons coach Karyl Bailey said. "We stayed focused and had good intensity throughout the match."

Lori Hendricks and Regina Huddleston recorded 14 kills apiece while Heather Gray had eight. Hendricks and Huddleston also collected 10 and nine digs, respectively, while Jennifer Stein had six digs.

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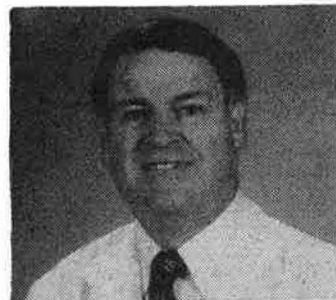
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